

Minute of Meeting

Paisley North Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 10 November 2016	18:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mylet, J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

CHAIR

Councillor J Sharkey, Convener, presided.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

J Theodore, Hawkhead & Lochfield Community Council; M Dymond, Maxwellton Court Tenants' Association; D Williams, Oakshaw Residents' Association; J Bunton, Paisley North Community Council; K McNellie-Welsh, Paisley West Tenants' & Residents' Association; M Fernie, Ralston Community Council; and W Colquhoun, West End Seniors Forum.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

M Sandilands, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and Sergeant O'Hare, Police Scotland.

IN ATTENDANCE

D McAllion, Data Analytics & Research Manager (Chief Executive's); D Hawthorn, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, J Trainer, Head of Early Years and Inclusion and L Moore, Co-ordinator, Women and Children First (all Children's Services); C Dalrymple, Regulatory and Enforcement Manager (Community Resources); S Jones, Assistant Manager (Regeneration) and S Thomson, Creative Producer, Paisley 2021 Bid Team (both Development & Housing Services); and J Lynch, Head of Property Services (Lead Officer), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillor Williams; J McQuade, Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum and M Dillon, Paisley North Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated by Members prior to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Convener intimated that there was one additional item in relation to an application for grant funding from Paisley West Tenants' & Residents' Association which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which was dealt with at item 12 of this Minute, was urgent, in order to consider the application timeously, authorised its consideration.

1 RENFREWSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) relative to the formation of the HSCP in terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014; the development of a performance framework for the HSCP; and the development of new projects in the community to improve health.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Paisley North Local Area Committee (LAC) area during the period 1 April to 30 September 2016.

The report provided information on Paisley North community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and a spotlight on adult protection.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 OPEN SESSION/KEY LOCAL ISSUES

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) intimated that an application for membership of the LAC had been received from Paisley West Tenants' & Residents' Association. The Association's nominated representative was Mr Kevin McNellie-Welsh and its nominated substitute, Mr Alexander McNellie-Welsh.

DECIDED: That Paisley West Tenants' & Residents' Association application for membership of the Paisley North LAC be agreed.

4 **PRESENTATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

D Hawthorn, Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice, gave a presentation on gender-based violence including details of what gender-based violence was, the number of people affected by it, Renfrewshire's multi-agency response to the issue and ongoing and specific actions being undertaken to tackle gender-based violence.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 **THOMAS COATS MEMORIAL CHURCH UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the award of a grant by this LAC at its meeting held on 12 May 2016 as a contribution to the cost of a replacement boiler at the Coats Memorial Church, Paisley.

The report intimated that the estimated cost of replacing the boiler exceeded greatly the estimates previously submitted and that as a result of the new projected costs Community Resources was investigating opportunities to undertake a temporary fix to the boiler system to enable the building to remain heated and open for use. In the event that a temporary fix was not possible, the funding would be returned to the LAC.

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor M Sharkey, moved that the committee approves the retention by the Trustees of the awarded grant of £13,000 for temporary repairs to the boiler and heating system to enable the building to remain in active use.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor M MacLaren, moved as an amendment that recommendation 2.1 be replaced with the following:

"2.1 It is recommended that the committee only transfers the awarded grant to the new community trust which we were informed about in the Paisley North LAC meeting of 12th May 2016, which was meant to be taking over the ownership of the building.

2.2 If the new community trust is not established the grant should be re-allocated to any suitable community groups seeking funding.

2.3 The committee will refer this issue to the next full council meeting on Thursday 15th December 2016 with a proposal that a full investigation is carried out on this application including the progress towards establishing a new community trust to own the building and options for funding the boiler replacement or repair, in part or in full, from other council budgets such as the £1.85 million underspend from last year's council budget."

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren and Mylet.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

4 members having voted for the amendment and 2 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the committee only transfers the awarded grant to the new community trust which we were informed about in the Paisley North LAC meeting of 12th May 2016, which was meant to be taking over the ownership of the building;
- (b) That if the new community trust was not established the grant should be re-allocated to any suitable community groups seeking funding; and
- (c) That this issue be referred to the next full Council meeting on Thursday 15th December 2016 with a proposal that a full investigation is carried out on this application including the progress towards establishing a new community trust to own the building and options for funding the boiler replacement or repair, in part or in full, from other Council budgets such as the £1.85 million underspend from last year's Council budget.

6 FORMER ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY BUILDING

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the former Royal Alexandra Infirmary (RAI) building.

The report intimated that the former RAI building had become an attraction for anti-social behaviour since it fell into dereliction following its closure in 2005. Despite daily visits from the Community Safety Wardens, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue incidents/complaints were still being raised. A formal Residents Group (Residents Action Initiative) had been set up to liaise with relevant bodies and attempt to promote development of the building or bring it back into use.

The report detailed the actions that had been taken by Renfrewshire Council to date and advised that officers from Renfrewshire Council and other partners continued to visit daily to assess the issues with the former RAI building and the surrounding environment.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report and the work undertaken by Renfrewshire Council and other partners to alleviate issues related to anti-social behaviour and securing of the site be noted;
- (b) That the limitation of powers and legislation when it came to privately-owned land and this type of building be noted; and
- (c) That the on-going work to try and ensure the site remained secured to prevent access be noted.

7 PRESENTATION: SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2016

D McAllion, Data Analytics and Research Manager, gave a presentation on the publication of SIMD 16 which compared overall deprivation of small areas; compared the seven domains of deprivation; compared the proportion of small areas in a council that were very deprived; found areas where many people experienced multiple deprivation; and found areas of greater need for support and intervention.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

8 **FAMILIES FIRST EARLY YEARS STRATEGY IMPACT EVALUATION REPORT MAY 2016**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the May 2016 early years strategy impact evaluation report which was the third in a series of formative self-evaluations of the impact of Renfrewshire's "Families First" Early Years strategy. The evaluation commenced in December 2015 and was completed in April 2016.

The early years implementation plan had produced 57 actions and these were detailed in the appendix section of the evaluation report. Telephone interviews were conducted with the lead officers responsible for the 57 actions and this helped to inform the impact which the strategy was having on parenting skills and wellbeing; attachment and child wellbeing; and professional skills, structures and services.

DECIDED: That the contents and conclusions on the May 2016 Impact Evaluation Report be noted.

9 **PRESENTATION: PAISLEY 2021 UPDATE**

S Thompson, Creative Producer, Paisley 2021 Bid Team, gave a presentation on progress made on the Paisley 2021 City of Culture bid project.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

10 **GRANT AWARD FEEDBACK**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to project feedback received from community and voluntary groups in receipt of LAC funding.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

11 **BUDGET MONITORING**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Paisley North LAC budget for 2016/17

DECIDED: That the report be noted

12 **APPLICATION FOR LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the undernoted application for local area committee funding.

Paisley West Tenants' & Residents' Association – purchase of laptop, printer and other office equipment and purchase of mobile disco

Councillor J Sharkey, seconded by Councillor M Sharkey, moved that the element of the application relating to the purchase of a laptop, printer and other office equipment be underwritten by the LAC pending an application by the group to Development & Housing Services and that the element of the application relating to the purchase of the mobile disco be refused.

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved as an amendment that the element of the application relating to the purchase of a laptop, printer and other office equipment be underwritten by the LAC pending an application by the group to Development & Housing Services and that the element of the application relating to the purchase of the mobile disco be awarded.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren and Mylet.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors J Sharkey and M Sharkey.

4 members having voted for the amendment and 2 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried

DECIDED: That the element of the application relating to the purchase of a laptop, printer and other office equipment be underwritten by the LAC pending an application by the group to Development & Housing Services and that the element of the application relating to the purchase of the mobile disco be awarded.

13 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: It was noted that the next meeting of this LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 9 February 2017 in the Council Chambers, Renfrewshire House.